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SENATOR MURPHY: All right. If they serve, if they elect to do this with their own funds, the maximum that can be provided to one individual would be \$3,000, but if they are using monies of the fund, there is no limitation on what they can do?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Murphy, there was so much racket in back of me that I did not get the question.

SENATOR MURPHY: Hell, I am the racket that is behind you, John.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, no! The racket was directly behind me, Mr. Meyer and Mr. What's His Name, Johnson.

SENATOR MURPHY: All right, if a utility elects to use its own money, the borrowing limit is \$3,000, but if they are going to use the fund money, there is no limit provided in the bill, three, four, five, six, nothing.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I believe the limit is \$15,000, remember, it is a home improvement fund there that would be utilized.

SENATOR MURPHY: All right, but it jumps from three to fifteen then, fine. There is provision, is it conceivable that we could have both programs going at the same time. Could a utility be acting as an agent and also lending its own money? And my follow-up question, so you will understand where I am coming from, Senator DeCAMP, we provided that either the fund may issue rules and regs, if it is an agent, or a utility may issue rules and regs if they are loaning their own money and I see two sets of rules and regs that may not necessarily coincide.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is quite correct. The utility thing is a separate entity. They may or may not do this. This may or may not ever be utilized. It may be utilized, for example, if the other were not possible. By the same token, some utility, let's assume Lincoln Electric System may determine that for their purposes they felt this was the best thing to save energy or avoid putting a new plant on line, delay it five years or something. It would be a judgment on their part. They would adopt their own system but they would have that option available.

SENATOR MURPHY: Would we consider the Nebraska Public Power District as a loaning utility or would it be, and I don't know how you would escape it because they do have some retail marketing devices but where they farm out, where they